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PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH
ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 38

August 31, 1945

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

Instructions Covering Use of Revised Monthly Operating Report, OMS 110 dated August 10, 1945, and OMS 449.

The revised "Monthly Operating Report", OMS 110, August 10, 1945, has retained only Part I, "Income", of the former OMS 110. Other information requested on this form is now reported on OMS 449. The new OMS 110 also provides for certain information previously reported on FDA 34. Much of the detailed information outlined on FDA 34 is not needed by the Washington Office and this form is now obsolete. The essential information required is now fully covered in the new OMS 110. (These instructions in no way affect FDA 34a which lists the commodities inspected).

PART I. VOLUME OF WORK

None of the poundage reported on FDA 486 should be reported as carlots or l.c.l's. It is intended that the total number of carlot inspections, the number of l.c.l. inspections, and the total pounds reported on FDA 486 should indicate the amount of inspection work done by the inspection office.

The number of certificates issued should include not only the regular certificates but truck and Produce Agency dumping certificates. For various reasons there is no positive correlation between the number of certificates issued and the total number of carlot and l.c.l. inspections shown on OMS 110. Accordingly, no attempt should be made to bring these figures into agreement.

PART II. INCOME

Only the total amounts assessed should be shown opposite each of the items listed. For example, opposite A-1 should be shown the total amounts assessed and not a break-down by carlots, l.c.l's. etc. Under B-1, it is not necessary to name the agency or agencies to which services were rendered and only the total amounts assessed should be shown.

PART III. STATUS OF COMMERCIAL COLLECTIONS

In the first line, the balance uncollected the first of the current month should be shown and the balance uncollected the first of the following month should be entered on the last line.

Indicate whether collections were transmitted to Washington, D. C., or deposited in a bank. The amount transmitted to Washington should be the amounts transmitted during the month covered by the report. This should agree with the date shown on schedule of collections, form 1044.

Unpaid bills forwarded to Washington for collection should include only commercial charges which the inspection office has failed to collect after all other means of collection have been exhausted. Assessments which are sent to Washington for billing against other Federal Agencies should never be included with unpaid bills forwarded to Washington for collection.

The following instructions apply to form OMS 449:

Under "Other Expenses" list two items, first "Inspectors salaries" and second, "Clerks and Stenographers".

Under "Remarks" show total assessments as reported on form OMS 110. Place the amount of total assessments under the total operating expenses. Subtract one from the other and enter the difference as profit or loss.

Paragraphs 76 and 95 to 98 inclusive should be deleted from the "Manual of Instructions for Clerks-Typists".

Only one copy of OMS-110 and two copies of OMS-449 should be sent to Washington.

NOTE: A supply of revised OMS-110 is being mailed to each office. Please destroy all copies of the old form

DO NOT LICENSE PAUL J. MOORE

Paul J. Moore of Florida should not be licensed to inspect fresh fruits and vegetables in any section unless specifically authorized from the Washington office.

CHANGE IN CANADIAN APPLE GRADE REQUIREMENTS

As an emergency measure effective August 3, 1945, the following exceptions have been made in clauses 3 and 4 of regulations covering grades for apples grown in Canada: (a) 2 inches instead of 2-1/4 inches shall be the minimum diameter for apples in all grades and packs. (b) The requirement for additional color for red or red striped varieties of size 2 to 2-1/4 inches is waived. (c) The size range 2-2-1/2 inches shall be permitted in addition to those now prescribed.

IDAHO GRADE PAMPHLETS

Copies of Idaho grade pamphlets have been sent to all of our market offices but we were not furnished a sufficient supply to send one to each inspector. The Idaho supply is very limited and if any inspector who has not received a copy feels that he should have one for his personal use we suggest that he write to Mr. L.G.Schultz, 108 State House, Boise, Idaho for a copy.

Copies of U. S. Standards for Shelled Runner Peanuts, effective August 21, 1945, were mailed to all inspectors.

SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION HANDBOOK FOR SLICING CUCUMBERS:

The above handbook has been revised as of August 1945 and any inspector wishing copies should write to the Washington office.

TEMPORARY AND SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For ILLINOIS	peach	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Room 114 Winkler Bldg., Centralia, Ill. Mail: P.O. Box 482.
For NEW JERSEY	potato	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Hightstown, N. J.
For LONG ISLAND and other NEW YORK	potato	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 300 Terminal Bldg., Rochester, New York.

E. E. Conklin, Chief.

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Probable Opening & Closing Dates
Benton Harbor, Mich 206 P. O. Building	C. B. Miller	F & V	Aug. 6 - Oct. 30
Fresno, Calif. 223 Holland Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Melons & Grapes	July 23 - Nov. 9
Grand Junction, Colo.	L. N. Gillespie	Peaches	Aug. 27 - Sept. 15
Grand Forks, N.D.	B. I. Burrell	Potatoes	Sept. 17 - Mar. 30
Martinsburg, W. Va. 311 West King St.	R. M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 10 - Nov. 16
Milton-Freewater, Oreg.	E. E. Paulson	Plums & Fresh Prunes	Aug. 13 - Sept. 7
Payette, Idaho	E. E. Paulson	"	Sept. 8 - Sept. 21
Presque Isle, Me. Federal Building	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 10 - May 13
Rochester, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	A. L. Thomas	F & V	Aug. 27 - May 10

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief.

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

DRIED FRUITS

The following actions have been taken recently in the administration of the various phases of the dried fruit program.

War Food Order 62 was terminated as of August 1, 1945. This order, which prohibited the purchase, sale, delivery, or use of figs for conversion into alcohol or other by products unless specifically authorized by the Director, was deemed to be no longer necessary since the demand and price situation in 1945 will not encourage diversion of figs to non-food uses, as was the case in 1943 and 1944.

On August 13, the Secretary approved the dried prune docket under which producers will be assured the announced prices for their 1945 production of standard quality dried prunes. The announced prices are 9-1/2¢ per pound basis for California Three District dried prunes, and 9-1/4¢ for California Outside District prunes, and for Washington and Oregon dried prunes a price equal to that of California Outside District prunes of comparable size. The program will be implemented by contracts between packers and CCC under which packers will agree to pay to growers not less than the prices announced, and CCC will agree to purchase from packers on October 1, 1946, all standard quality processed dried prunes remaining unsold on that date and offered to CCC.

During August, packers of dried apples were authorized to sell in civilian trade channels all of the dried apple screenings, waste, pomace, and dried apple chops made from unpeeled and uncored apples, produced from 1945 crop fruit. Packers of dried pears were authorized to sell in civilian trade channels all dried pear chops and dried peeled, sliced pears produced from 1945 crop fruit. Similar actions were taken last year.

Limitations on the dehydration of raisins were announced in a press release dated August 21, 1945. Subsequently, authorizations were issued by the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Production and Marketing Administration, pursuant to WFO 17, as amended, authorizing dehydrators to process specified quotas of Golden Bleached Thompson Seedless and Valencia Muscat raisins. Totals of 37,668 tons of Golden Bleached raisins and 2,000 tons of Valencias were authorized. The action limiting the production of dehydrated raisins was necessary because of the limited demand for such raisins, and the greater demand for natural or sun dried raisins.

WFO 69 - FRUIT FOR ALCOHOLIC PURPOSES

War Food Order 69, as amended, which restricted the use of certain fruits and berries in the production for sale of alcoholic products, was terminated, effective August 25, 1945.

APPLES

Amendment 139 to Maximum Price Regulation 426, effective for the period August 20 through September 30, 1945, changes the ceiling prices for apples for fresh use grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana and Idaho to $3.19 per bushel, f.o.b. shipping point and for apples grown in all other States to $3.85 per bushel f.o.b. shipping point. These changes were made to continue adjustments to compensate growers for short crops resulting from spring freezes.

PEACHES

Amendement 140 to MPR 426, effective for the period of August 21 through September 2, 1945, changes the ceiling prices for peaches for fresh use produced in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Delaware to $4.09 per bushel, f.o.b. shipping point. This change was made to continue the adjustment to compensate growers in these States for reduced yields and while it is a decrease from the disaster adjustment in effect for these States from August 1 to August 20, it is an increase of $0.45 per bushel over the basic ceiling prices for peaches.

GRAPES

The Tokay Grape Industry Committee established under the marketing agreement for California Tokay grapes has recommended that shipments of Tokay grapes from California be limited to specified grades and sizes. We are considering the action to be taken on this recommendation.

D. F. McMillen, Chief.

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

WAR FOOD ORDERS

WFO 120, which provided a permit system for obtaining potatoes for Goernment agencies, was terminated, effective 12:01 am, e.w.t., August 29, since the estimated production indicates ample supplies for the balance of the crop year.

WFO 30

Dehydrated vegetables set aside order has also been terminated. This order has for the past year only required processors to report their production. Heavy government cut backs in their contracts for dehydrated vegetables makes it advisable to discontinue further Food Order requirements on the industry.

WFO 22.9

WFO 22.9 was again amended on August 24 to reflect new government requirements as a result of cessation of hostilities. This reduction together with a larger pack of canned vegetables in prospect for 1945, will provide an additional 40 million cases for civilian use. This reduction in government requirements leaves a large pack of canned peas, corn and tomato juice to market through civilian channels.

SURPLUS VEGETABLE SITUATION

The late summer and early fall domestic type cabbage crop, estimated at 504,000 tons, is 18 percent above average and 42 percent above that of last year. The Danish type crop is also expected to be large. Steps are being taken to handle the anticipated surplus through (1) a consumer educational program and enlisting assistance of the distributing trade, (2) encouragement of maximum usage of cabbage for kraut, involving availability of tin and kraut ceiling price action; (3) purchases for distribution to school lunch and relief institutions.

CEILING PRICES

Price regulations have now been released by the Office of Price Administration on the important canned vegetables except snap beans, and this regulation is expected to be ready within the next few days.

Several miscellaneous minor processed vegetables such as canned and frozen corn on the cob, artichokes, bean sprouts, etc., which are of little importance in the cost of living, have been eliminated from price control.

SUGAR

Assistance is continuing to be given to canners in securing sugar to meet their requirements for canned corn, peas, and tomato catsup and the situation is still tight. Additional quantities of sugar above canners original estimates will likely be needed for the large pack of corn now in prospect.

CANNED VEGETABLE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The subsidy rates for all products to be covered in the 1945 agreement has now been published through press release. The agreement is expected to be ready for distribution to canners very soon.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Merritt Greene resigned as Chief of the Canned and Frozen Vegetable Section, Vegetable Marketing Division on August 11, 1945 to return to private industry with The Clapp Baby Food Division, American Home Foods, Inc., San Jose, California.

L. S. Fenn, Acting Chief

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

The Seattle office of the Processed Products Standardization and Inspection Division has been moved to the Alaska Trade Building. The new address is as follows:

Room 207-8, 1917 First Avenue
Seattle, 1, Washington

The telephone number in the Seattle office is: Seneca 4133

The Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and Wilmington offices of this Division have been consolidated into one office and are now located at the following address:

Room 351, Bendix Building
1206 Maple Avenue
Los Angeles, 15, California

Ruth Lusk of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa office appeared before the Rotary Club in Manchester, Iowa for a demonstration of grading canned peas, on August 20, 1945

F. L. Southerland, Acting Chief

REGULATORY DIVISION

Friends of William E. Paulson will be glad to learn that he reported for active duty with the Regulatory Division on August 31.

T. C. Curry, Chief